

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of covering a pot or floral grouping, comprising:

providing a floral sleeve comprising a body having an upper end, a lower end, a first panel having a first upper edge and a first lower edge, a second panel having a second upper edge and a second lower edge, an interior space and a gusset extending inwardly from the lower end into the interior space, the body having a single left side edge sealed from the upper end to the lower end, a single right side edge sealed from the upper end to the lower end, the first panel and the second panel together forming a sidewall in the body, the body tapered from the upper end to the lower end, the gusset having an inner fold extending from the single left side edge to the single right side edge, the body initially having a flattened condition, and wherein when the body is opened from the flattened condition to an opened condition for containing a pot or floral grouping, the gusset is unfolded to form a bottom in the body, the bottom having a lower bottom surface, a left side bottom surface extending

upwardly from the lower bottom surface to the single left side edge, and a right side bottom surface extending upwardly from the lower bottom surface to the single right side edge;

opening the floral sleeve to expose the interior space; and
disposing a pot or floral grouping within the interior space of the floral sleeve to form a covered pot or covered floral grouping wherein the lower bottom surface of the bottom of the floral sleeve is flat when the pot is disposed within the floral sleeve.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a floral sleeve, at least one of the first upper edge and the second upper edge of the body has a substantially horizontal pattern.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a floral sleeve, at least one of the first upper edge and the second upper edge of the body has an angular pattern.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a floral sleeve, at least one of the first upper edge and the second upper edge of the body has a non-linear pattern.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a floral sleeve, the floral sleeve further comprises an upper portion extending from the upper end of the body, wherein the upper portion is detachable from the upper end of the body via a detaching element.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the upper portion comprises at least one upper support element adapted to support the body from a support device.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the upper portion is sized to surround and encompass the floral grouping disposed within the pot or alone within the floral sleeve in the opened condition.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the upper portion is adapted to support the body from a support device wherein the upper portion is sized to surround and encompass the floral grouping disposed within the pot or alone within the floral sleeve in the opened condition.

9. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the detaching element comprises a plurality of perforations.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a floral sleeve, the floral sleeve is provided by detaching the floral sleeve from a pad of the floral sleeves.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the floral sleeves are connected in the pad via a connecting bonding material disposed between adjacent floral sleeves in the pad.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the floral sleeves are connected in the pad via a staple, clip, wicket, pin, tie or wire.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 comprising the additional step of securing the floral sleeve about the pot or floral grouping by disposing a securing element about the floral sleeve after the floral sleeve has been disposed about the pot or floral grouping.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the securing element is selected from the group consisting of elastic bands, plastic bands, strings, ribbons, ties, wires, strribbons, rubber bands, tapes, barbs, collars, staples, labels, and clips and combinations thereof.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the securing element is placed above an upper end of the pot.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the securing element is placed below an upper end of the pot.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of covering a pot or floral grouping, comprising:

providing a floral sleeve comprising a body having an upper end, a lower end, a first panel having a first upper edge and a first lower edge, a second panel having a second upper edge and a second lower edge, an interior space and a gusset extending inwardly from the lower end into the interior space, the body having a single left side edge sealed from the upper end to the lower end, a single right side edge sealed from the upper end to the lower end, the first panel and the second panel together forming a sidewall in the body, the body tapered from the upper end to the lower end, the gusset having an inner fold extending from the single left side edge to the single right side edge, the body initially having a flattened condition, and wherein when the body is opened from the flattened condition to an opened condition

for containing a pot or floral grouping, the gusset is unfolded to form a bottom in the body, the bottom having a lower bottom surface, a left side bottom surface extending upwardly from the lower bottom surface to the single left side edge, and a right side bottom surface extending upwardly from the lower bottom surface to the single right side edge, and

an upper portion extending from the upper end of the body, wherein the upper portion is detachable from the upper end of the body via a detaching element, and wherein the detaching element comprises a plurality of perforations having a non-linear pattern, such that when the upper portion is detached from the upper end of the body, the upper end of the body is left with an upper edge having a non-linear pattern;

opening the floral sleeve to expose the interior space; and

disposing a pot or floral grouping within the interior space to form a covered pot or covered floral grouping wherein the lower bottom surface of the bottom of the floral sleeve is flat when the pot is disposed within the floral sleeve.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein in the step of providing a floral sleeve, the floral sleeve is provided by detaching the floral sleeve from pad of floral sleeves.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the floral sleeves are connected in the pad via a connecting bonding material disposed between adjacent floral sleeves in the pad.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the floral sleeves are connected in the pad via a staple, clip, wicket, pin, tie or wire.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 comprising the additional step of securing the floral sleeve about the pot or floral grouping by disposing a securing element about the floral sleeve after the floral sleeve has been disposed about the pot or floral grouping.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the securing element is selected from the group consisting of elastic bands, plastic bands, strings, ribbons, ties, wires, strribbons, rubber bands, tapes, barbs, collars, staples, labels, and clips and combinations thereof.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the securing element is placed above an upper end of the pot.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the securing element is placed below an upper end of the pot.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the floral sleeve further comprises a skirt portion in an upper portion of the body.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the upper portion comprises an upper support element adapted for supporting the floral sleeve from a support device.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the floral sleeve further comprises a skirt portion in an upper portion of the body.